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February 14, 2006 LB 818, 870

ASSISTANT CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Burling's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The Burling amendment has been adopted. Mr. Clerk, anything further on LB 818?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schrock would offer AM2299. (Legislative Journal pages 657-660.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, to open on AM2299 to LB 818.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, AM2299 is LB 870 as amended by the Natural Resources Committee, which was advanced unanimously. The purpose of LB 870 was to extend the date of the grant program for new scrap tire projects from June 30, 2007, to June 30, 2011. We have been extending this date of this program since 1994. The last time the date was extended was 2003. The bill also removes the prohibition regarding assistance in the form of either a loan or a grant for projects involving scrap tire processing related to tire-derived fuel. The amendment places a cap of 25 percent of such capital costs, such as a building, equipment, and other capital improvement needs, or \$250,000, whichever is less, if the scrap tire processing relates to tire-derived fuel. It retains the 50 percent or \$500,000 distribution system for capital costs for all other projects for scrap tire processing or the manufacturing of tire-derived products. The amendment also requires the director to give preferential treatment to educational institutions to purchase tire-derived fuel products. Ever since I've been in the Legislature, the issue of what to do with waste tires has been with us, and we have not solved the problem. Right now, we have a lot of tires going to Kansas and being put in landfills, and that's not satisfactory to me. We prohibit the burying of them in this state, for the most part. This amendment would allow--and here's the controversial part--would allow people to use tire-derived fuels. It's approved in 23 states. Specifically, if this would happen, Ash Grove at Louisville could burn tires. They did a test burn this summer. And I'm...in this handout, you will see that the test burn, the emissions actually were less this summer, the emissions were less hazardous than when they were burning